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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PLO, IT
SUBJECT: PLO CAMPAIGN FOR ITALIAN RECOGNITION

1. ITALIAN PRESS AUGUST 25 REPORTS THAT THE PLO HAS
DECIDED TO MOUNT A DIPLOMATIC "OFFENSIVE" IN ROME TO
OBTAIN GOI RECOGNITION. PLO SPOESMAN HERE ANNOUNCED
THAT IT WOULD NO LONGER ACCEPT GOI'S "EXCUSE" THAT AS
PLO IS A POLITICAL-MILITARY ORGANIZATION AND NOT
A TRUE GOVERNMENT, IT IS NOT ENTITLED TO DIPLOMATIC
RECOGNITION. ACCORDING TO SPOKESMAN, CAMPAIGN WILL
INCLUDE PRESSURE ON ITALIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS AND ARAB
GOVERNMENTS TO GET GOI TO RECOGNIZE PLO. THE PRESIDENT
OF THE ARAB-ITALIAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY(DC LEFT-WING
PARLIAMENTARIAN ROGNONI) HAS ALREADY WRITTEN TO FOREIGN MINISTER
FORLANI REQUESTING RECOGNITION FOR THE PLO, AND THE SOCIETY
WOULD LIKE A MEETING WITH FORLANI IN EARLY SEPTEMBER TO PRESENT
FORMALLY A REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION.

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2. MFA ACTING DIRECTOR FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS
(VENTO), CONFIRMING RECEIPT OF LETTER TO FORLANI, SAID
THAT THERE IS NO QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF PLO AS
ITALY'S PRACTICE IS NOT TO RECOGNIZE LIBERATION MOVE-
MENTS OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS. FURTHERMORE, ITALIANS DO NOT
ENVISAGE GRANTING PLO PERMISSION TO OPEN

OFFICE IN ROME IN NEAR FUTURE, ("SPOKESMAN" IS ON
STAFF OF ARAB LEAGUE OFFICE HERE); IN ANY CASE
GRANTING SUCH PERMISSION WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE ANY SORT
OF OFFICIAL RECOGNITION.

3. VENTO ADDED THAT MFA HAS NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH
PLO "SPOKESMAN" AND THAT ONLY OFFICIAL GOI CONTACT
WITH ORGANIZATION WAS FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI'S BRIEF MEETING
WITH PLO OFFICIAL KADDUM DURING HIS VISIT TO CAIRO IN
MARCH . FORLANI AGREED TO THAT REQUEST TO ACCOMMODATE
EGYPTIANS WHO WERE ANXIOUS TO RETAIN ROLE AS MODERATING
AND MEDIATING FORCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.HOLMES

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